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# THE AGRICULTURAL HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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"HAPPY NEW YEAR," Readers! Your continued support helps make the newsletter an ongoing success. We appreciate your input and we thank you for your interest. Our goal is to give you the most pertinent news and informative notes on the study of agricultural history.

A LOSS. G.E. Fussell, dean of British agricultural historians, died in Horsham, England, on January 1, 1990. He had celebrated his 100th birthday in December. Dr. Fussell was a founder of the British Agricultural History Society and was the author of many books and articles on British agricultural history. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, 2 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

HISTORIC BARNs. Michael J. Auer, National Park Service, has written "Preservation Briefs 20: The Preservation of Historic Barns." The Brief discusses the importance of barns, and encourages the preservation of historic barns and other agricultural buildings. Some historic barns are illustrated with a short history. Historic barns repair, rehabilitation, selected readings and notes are included in preservation tips. To order a copy of this 12-page Brief, GPO Stock Number 024-005-01054-8, please mail \$1.00 to: SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325.

SUMMER INSTITUTE. The Center for Historical Studies of Technology and Science at Iowa State University is sponsoring a summer institute, to be held June 10-July 20, 1990, on "Technology and Science within American Culture, 1607-1955." The institute is financed in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. For information, please write to: JOANNE GOLDMAN, Center for Historical Studies, Iowa State University, 635 Ross Hall, Ames, IA 50011.

HISTORICAL ADMINISTRATION. Eastern Illinois University offers a M.A. program in historical administration. Students interested in living history or midwestern pioneer agriculture

have an opportunity for first-hand experience at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site. For information, please write to: HISTORICAL ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR, Department of History, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 61920.

GRADUATE PROGRAM. The Department of History at Iowa State University offers a graduate program in agricultural history and rural studies. This program enables students seeking a Ph.D. in history to specialize in the field of agricultural history and rural studies. Graduate students can pursue a broadly conceived program in American, European or Third World agricultural and rural history. Upon completion of the Agricultural History and Rural Studies Program, graduates will be qualified to teach general American, European or World History courses. They also will be able to teach courses in their specialty areas of agricultural history and rural studies as well as pursue scholarly research. For more information, please contact: R. DOUGLAS HURT, Department of History, 603 Ross Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

FARM MACHINERY. The International J. I. Case Heritage Foundation, which was launched in the spring of 1987 to honor the developer of the modern threshing machine, Jerome Increase Case, with educational and historical preservation activities related to the Case Line of equipment as well as general agricultural-heritage. The Foundation publishes a 64-page quarterly newsletter, included in membership dues (\$15 Individual and \$20 Family), and also holds an annual International J. I. Case Heritage Exposition. The Foundation's Secretary-Treasurer is HELEN CASE BRIGHAM, 204 East Melbourne Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901; telephone: 1-301-587-5552. Please contact her for information about membership in the organization.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES. David Emmons discusses "Social Myth and Social Reality in the West" in the Autumn 1989 issue of Montana: The Magazine of Western History.



The problems of homesteaders in northern Montana, of Nova Scotians on the Wyoming frontier, and of Dutch settlers in the Gallatin Valley are discussed in other articles. Copies of Montana are available for \$5.00 from: THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620.

The summer issue of Agricultural History contains articles on the New Zealand's Women's Land Service in World War II, the boll weevil and the transition to diversified farming in Alabama, the decline in numbers of Black farm owners, Communist attempts to recruit farmers in the upper Midwest, and the development of poultry transit by rail. Copies of the issue are available for \$6.25 from: THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESS, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The fall issue of the Great Plains Quarterly includes articles on irrigation with windmills on the Great Plains, controlled pasture burning in the Kansas Flint Hills, and the adaptation of rural German-speaking women to the Nebraska and Kansas frontier. Copies of the issue are available for \$5.75 from: THE GREAT PLAINS QUARTERLY, 1214 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68588-0313.

PUBLICATIONS. In her book, Ecological Revolutions: Nature, Gender, and Science in New England (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989), CAROLYN MERCHANT explores the stages of ecological transformation that took place in New England as Europeans settled there and took up such activities as subsistence farming. Copies are available from: THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA PRESS, P. O. Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC 27515-2288, at \$34.95 cloth and \$13.95 paper.

YEARBOOK OF AGRICULTURE. Farm Management: How to Achieve Your Farm Business Goals is now available. Members of Congress have limited free copies for public distribution. The cost of the book is \$10 and can be purchased from federal government bookstores. You may also write to: SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

BIBLIOGRAPHY. The Food Marketing Institute recently released a 4-page bibliography, "Books, Articles and Publications on the History of the Supermarket Industry." To obtain a copy of this list, please write to: FOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE, 1750 K Street, N.W., Washington,

D.C. 20006. (202) 452-8444. TELEX: 892722 FMI USA WSH. FAX: (202) 429-4519.

COUNTRY STORE MUSEUM. The Delaware Agricultural Museum Country Store Restoration Committee is restoring the Woodside Country Store. The Delaware Agricultural Museum's country store, built in 1873, was operated by members of the same family until March, 1988. The heirs then donated it to the museum. Though the store has served the people of Woodside for over 100 years, upon completion of repairs, it will be used to improve programs focused on educating the more than 6,000 schoolchildren and 15,000 visitors who tour the museum annually. For further information, please contact: HOPE Z. SCHLADEN, The Delaware Agricultural Museum Country Store Restoration Committee, 866 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. (302) 734-1618.

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**JOB OPENINGS.** Agricultural Historian in Economic Research Service, Agricultural & Rural Economy Division, National Economy & History Branch, Agricultural & Rural History Section, Washington, D.C. Duties: The incumbent serves as Historian for the Agricultural & Rural History Section responsible for research and writing on the history of USDA and its programs and the history of American agriculture and rural life. Requirements: Degree: history, related field which includes at least 18 semester hours in history; or combination of education and experience--course equivalent to a major in history, or a major in a related field, which includes at least 18 semester hours in history plus appropriate experience. Graduate Education: graduate study in the social sciences or humanities may also be credited when such study has included training in historical research methodology or the thesis approaches the subject from an historical viewpoint and uses professional historical research methodology and techniques in its preparation. Vacancy Announcement No.: ERS-90-F-086. For further information, please contact: VICKIE DAVIS, EMS, PD, CEB, Room 1415 South Bldg., 14th & Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3500. (202) 447-6130.

**MEETINGS.** The Agricultural History Society, the Society for History in the Federal Government, and the Organization of American Historians are meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 22-25, 1990. The Agricultural History Society is sponsoring a luncheon at 12:00 on Friday, March 23, at the WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL. The cost is \$25. WAYNE E. FULLER, University of Texas, El Paso will speak on "The Populists and the Post Office." The Society for History in the Federal Government is sponsoring a session on "Policy-Making and Administration in a Federal Agency: U.S. Department of Agriculture," at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 23, at the WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL. Papers will be presented by DOUGLAS HELMS, "Soil Conservation on Indian Reservations;" DOUGLAS E. BOWERS,

"Agricultural Policy-Making at USDA: From Kennedy to Reagan;" and DENNIS ROTH, "Wildlife Management in the Forest Service." WILLIAM H. HARBAUGH will comment on the papers.

**CONFERENCE.** Plantation life in Virginia during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries is the subject of a conference planned for Charlottesville, VA., May 31-June 2, 1990. Additional information is available from STEPHEN INNES, Corcoran Department of History, Randall Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

**BOOKS.** The American Backwoods Frontier, An Ethnic and Ecological Interpretation, by TERRY G. JORDAN and MATTI KAUPS. Jordan and Kaups propose that Finnish people, arriving in New Sweden by the 1640's, and not the Germans who entered the same area in the 1680's, were the principal contributors to the backwoods pioneer's system of settlement. The 360-page book is available from: THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PRESS, 701 W. 40th St., Baltimore, MD 21211. (301) 338-6956).

MAURINE PACENTA TAYLOR, an assistant professor of communications with the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station headquarters in Knoxville, writes about President Lincoln's style of working with the press in a book published recently, The Seven Faces of Lincoln which also includes historical material on agriculture during the Civil War. The Seven Faces of Lincoln (103 pages), edited by SCOTT D. MILLER and JOSEPH E. SUPPIGER, is available for \$10 from: THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY PRESS, Cumberland Gap Parkway, Harrogate, TN 37752.

The Political Economy of U.S. Agriculture: Challenges for the 1990's is edited by CAROL S. KRAMER. In this 298-page volume more than twenty analysts, researchers and other experts examine U.S. agricultural policies, now under pressure from a variety of forces. To order,



please contact: RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE, 1616 P St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. \$23.

THE EARLY AMERICAN INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION announces its annual grants-in-aid program for institutions, graduate students, and scholars engaged in serious research or publication activity. EAIA awards grants of up to \$1,000 for research relating to the study of early American industries in homes, shops, farms, or on the sea. The application deadline is March 15, 1990. For applications or more information, contact: CHARLES F. HUMMEL, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, Winterthur, DE 19735.

NEW AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM. An agricultural Museum in New Jersey was recently opened at Rutgers University's Cook College campus. The museum includes the 3,700-item Krueger collection of farming equipment and other rural artifacts and the Cook collection of some 20,000 old photographs.

SYMPOSIUM. A symposium on North Carolina women's history will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 26, 1990. The program includes several papers on farm women. For further information, please write to: NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S HISTORY SYMPOSIUM, North Carolina Museum of History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2807.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE. The Agricultural Research Service's new National Visitor Center at Beltsville, Maryland offers tours of the Beltsville Research Center to visitors. The agency recently renovated the historic Log Lodge into the ARS National Visitor Center. It is located on a lake and nature trail amidst fields, barns, and research buildings at the 7,200-acre Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, just off the Capital Beltway in Prince Georges County, Maryland. The Lodge is an easily recognizable visitor point. It was originally built from blueprints of lodges in Yellowstone National Park by the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps. They used trees from forests on the research center. For reservations, please call: (301) 344-2483.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS, 1990-91.

The Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on October 18-21, 1990. Proposals for papers must

be in by April 15, 1990. Please contact: LINDY BIGGS, Department of History, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849.

The Forest History Society, Inc. will hold a conference on "Latin American Forest and Conservation History," in Costa Rica on February 17-22, 1991. For further information, please contact: HAROLD K. STEEN, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, N.C. 27701.

NATURAL RESOURCES. In 1991, Americans will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Forest System. The Forest Service is preparing to celebrate a century of natural resource stewardship. On March 30, 1991, the kickoff event for the National Forest Centennial will be held in Cody, Wyoming. Please watch the newsletter for major events as they are announced.

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JOB OPENINGS. The closing date for the Agricultural Historian position (Announcement No. ERS-90-F-086) is April 9, 1990. It is located in the Economic Research Service, Agriculture & Rural Economy Division, National Economy & History Branch, Agricultural & Rural History Section, Washington, D.C. For further information, please contact: VICKIE DAVIS, EMS, PD, CEB. Room 1415 South Bldg., 14th & Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-3500. (202) 447-6130.

DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM. The Delaware Agricultural Museum opened its doors to the public on August 16, 1980. In celebration of the museum's tenth anniversary, a year of events have been planned. The 1990 exhibition schedule includes: "The Delaware Agricultural Museum Celebrates its Tenth Anniversary" (April 1-October 31); "The Second Morrill Act: 1890 Land Grant Colleges" (April 1-October 31); "Tools of the Trade: A Farmer's Tool-House" (April 1-December 31); "Delaware Farms: A Photography Exhibit" (October 1-October 31); and "The Horse: An Exhibit of Paintings and Drawings by Rebecca Raubacher" (November 8-December 10). Many educational programs are directed specifically to school children by the museum. For further information, please call the museum office at (302) 734-1618.

MEDIEVAL AGRICULTURE. A conference on medieval agriculture will be held at Pennsylvania State University on March 30-31, 1990. For information, please contact: VICKIE L. ZIEGLER, Department of German, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. 16802. (814) 865-5481.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY. NAL expanded its cooperation with the Soviet Union at the ninth meeting of the U.S.- U.S.S.R. Joint Committee on Cooperation in Agriculture which took place in Moscow on December 4-8, 1989. Under Secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs and Commodity Programs

Richard T. Crowder led the U.S. delegation. Crowder and Deputy Chairman for the U.S.S.R. State Commission on Food and Procurement, Y. A. Borisov signed a protocol agreeing to exchange teams in the fields of forestry, agricultural economics, agricultural science, and food processing in 1990 and 1991. Librarians at the National Agricultural Library (NAL) and the Central Scientific Agricultural Library (CSAL), propose to visit Moscow, U.S.S.R. and Beltsville, Maryland during 1990 to consider additional areas of cooperation.

THE MIDWEST ELEVATOR ARCHIVE is a historical collection of grain elevator, mill, and processing plant photographs, compiled by Joe Wall. It is located in the National Agricultural Library, Special Collections, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, MD 20705.

FOOD SAFETY. The Economic Research Service is co-sponsoring a workshop on food safety organized by the NE 165 Regional Research Project. The papers include some case studies with strong historical backgrounds. The workshop will be held in Alexandria, Virginia, June 4-6, 1990. For information, please write to: JULIE A. CASWELL, Agricultural and Resource Economics, 303 Draper Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01002.

JOURNAL ARTICLES. The Fall/Winter 1989 issue of Environmental Review contains a number of articles relating to the history of the environment, including two specifically relating to farming. Brian Donahue discusses the impact of damming the Concord River in Massachusetts on hay yields, 1798-1862. Paul Hirt reviews the impact of agriculture from pre-Columbian times to the present on the landscape in southeastern Arizona. The issue is available for \$6 from DEBRA SOFER, Editor, Environmental Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

The value of oral documentation in agricultural



history is illustrated by Michael A. Gordon in "Oral Documentation and the Sustainable Agriculture Movement in Wisconsin" in the Fall 1989 issue of The Public Historian. Copies are available at \$8 each from: THE JOURNALS DEPARTMENT, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 93106.

The influence of agrarian values on George W. Norris is discussed by Richard Lowitt in "George W. Norris: A Reflective View," in the Winter 1989 issue of Nebraska History. The issue is available for \$3 from: THE NEBRASKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68501.

CROW CANYON ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER. The Center is conducting important long-term research into the events leading up to the final exodus of Indians from the Mesa Verde region. Participants, who work in research teams with archaeologists and paleobotanists, include educators, high school field school students, elementary students, school programs, and even a "Family Week" program where adults and children in fourth grade or higher share in this experience. They try to piece together answers to the abandoned puzzle that at the beginning of the twelfth century A.D., there were at least 10,000 people living on and around the Mesa Verde Plateau in Southwestern Colorado. By the end of the thirteenth century there were none. A complex farming culture had vanished from a hauntingly beautiful land where it had flourished for more than a thousand years. Those ancient people left behind no written account of their remarkable tenure here. They did leave a material legacy of deserted communities built of stone, filled with the items of daily life. For further information, please contact: CROW CANYON ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTER, 23390 County Road K, Cortez, CO 81321, or call Toll-Free: 1-800-422-8975.

PUBLICATIONS. "Barn Again!--A Guide to Rehabilitation of Older Farm Buildings" is designed as an aid to farmers and others who are interested in converting their historic farm buildings to contemporary farming uses. The 18-page guide is \$2. For copies, please send your check to: NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, 511 16th St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202.

"Using Old Farm Buildings," by Dexter W. Johnson was published by North Dakota State University's Agricultural Engineering Department.

It is designed to help farm owners and operators preserve and use their old farm buildings. It includes drawings and descriptions of 16 barns from across North Dakota that have been rehabilitated and updated for new agricultural uses. It was written by an Extension Agricultural Engineer based on his years of experience in the field. Copies are available from: THE MOUNTAINS/PLAINS REGIONAL OFFICE, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 5111 16th St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202; or from THE AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, North Dakota State University, P.O. Box 5626 University Station, Fargo, ND 58105.

The International Association of Agricultural Economists' new publication, History of IAAE, by John Raeburn may be purchased from: R. J. HILDRETH, IAAE Secretary-Treasurer, Farm Foundation, 1211 W. 22nd St., Suite 216, Oak Brook, IL 60521-2197. \$30.

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CONFERENCES. The 43rd Annual California History Institute presents a special John Muir Conference on April 19-22, 1990. The title of the conference is "John Muir: Citizen, Environmentalist, Scholar." For further information, please contact: R. H. LIMBAUGH, Director, John Muir Center for Regional Studies, History Department, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211.

The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums will hold its 20th anniversary annual meeting in Old Sturbridge Village, Plimoth Plantation, and Brown University, June 17-21, 1990. For information, please write to: PROGRAM SERVICES, Plimoth Plantation, P. O. Box 1620, Plymouth, MA 02360, or call (508) 746-1622, ext. 377.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY. MARIA G. PISA has been named the Assistant Director of the National Agricultural Library at Beltsville, Maryland, replacing SAMUEL T. WATERS who retired in December 1989.

PUBLICATIONS. The Agricultural Development Council: A History, by RUSSELL STEVENSON and VIRGINIA O. LOCKE. 226 pages. 1989. (Softcover. U.S. \$17.50. Foreign orders, please add U.S. \$2.50 for surface mail; U.S. \$6.00 for air mail). Order from: WINROCK PUBLICATION SALES, P.O. Box 9363, Arlington, VA 22209-0363.

Food, Hunger, and Agricultural Issues, edited by DEBORAH CLUBB and POLLY C. LIGON. Includes a short historical review by Don Paarlberg. 245 pages. (Softcover. \$19.50 postpaid in the U.S. & Canada. Foreign orders, please add U.S. \$2.50 for surface mail, U.S. \$8.50 for air mail). Order from: WINROCK INTERNATIONAL BOOKSTORE, Route 3, Petit Jean Mountain, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110-9537.

The history of the Swedish farmers' movement in the 20th century is discussed by MICHELE MICHELETTI, The Swedish Farmers' Movement and Government Agricultural Policy. 1990. 227 pp. Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. \$39.95.

The Development of the Pacific-Canning Industry is a collection of documents edited, with an introduction and comments, by DIANNE NEWELL. The material is from the archives of HENRY DOYLE, one of the leaders in the field. The volume is available from McGill-Queen's University Press, 3430 McTavish St., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1X9. \$34.95.

Agriculture and National Development: Views on the Nineteenth Century, edited by LOU FERLEGER. IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. April 1990. 376 pp. (Hardcover, \$39.95 and paperback, \$19.95). From a variety of perspectives, 13 prominent historians and economists here describe and interpret transformations of American agriculture on national and regional levels during America's westward expansion and the beginning of America's industrial revolution.

The Many Names of Country People: An Historical Dictionary from the Twelfth Century Onward, by JOHN T. SCHLEBECKER. New York: Greenwood Press. 1989. 325 p. \$49.95.

JOURNAL ARTICLES. GILBERT C. FITE has published an article on "The Transformation of South Dakota Agriculture: The Effects of Mechanization, 1939-1964," in South Dakota History, Fall 1989. Copies are available from: SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217.

G. TERRY SHARRER has a note on "Curious Potatoes" in the Living Historical Farms Bulletin for March 1990. When potatoes were first introduced into Europe some people thought they caused leprosy; but today they rank fourth among world food crops. Scientists are trying to breed potatoes that will produce plastics. Copies are available for \$1.50 from: LIVING HISTORICAL FARMS & AGRICULTURAL MUSEUMS, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

The Geographical Review for October 1989 contains a provocative article on an old question, "Did New England Go Downhill?" by MICHAEL M. BELL. Copies of the issue are available from:



THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, Suite 600, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010. \$16.50.

The history of fencing in Kansas is discussed by ALVIN PETERS, "Posts and Palings, Posts and Plants," in Kansas History, Winter 1989-1990. The same issue also contains an article by C. ROBERT HAYWOOD on "the Hodgeman County Colony," an agricultural colony for Blacks established in 1878. Copies of the issue are available from: THE KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 120 West Tenth St., Topeka, KS 66612-1291. \$4.00.

ELECTION. The Agricultural History Society has announced the election of the following officers for 1990-91: President, DAVID B. DANBOM, North Dakota State University; Vice-President, RICHARD LOWITT, Iowa State University; Executive Committee, ROBERT McMATH, Georgia Tech, and KATHLEEN W. CONZEN, University of Chicago; and Nominating Committee, LACY FORD, University of South Carolina.

AWARDS. The Agricultural History Society has announced the following awards for 1989: Theodore Saloutos Memorial Award for the best book published in the field of agricultural history to TERRY G. JORDON and MATTI KAUPS for *The American Backwoods Frontier* (Johns Hopkins Press, 1989, 340 pp.); Carstensen Award for the best article in Agricultural History to SALLY McMURRY, "Who Read the Agricultural Journals? Evidence from Chenango County, New York 1839-1865," published in the Fall 1989 issue; and the Everett E. Edwards Award for the best article submitted by a graduate student to BRIAN CANNON, University of Wisconsin-Madison for a paper on "Immigrants in American Agriculture."

INFORMATION PLEASE. JULIE BRESSOR, Archivist, Shelbourne Farms, Shelbourne, Vermont 05482, would like to hear from newsletter readers who work in archives that have records similar to theirs. These include records of feed, animal sales, livestock breeding and related matters from the early 1900's to the present. MS. BRESSOR is also interested in learning about other historical sites as the basis for educational programs.

FELLOWSHIP. OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE has announced a research fellowship to be awarded to a scholar working in the social history and material culture of rural New England from

1790-1850. The fellow will be in residence for a 6-12 week period and receive a stipend of \$2,500. For information, please write: JOHN WORRELL, Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

CULTURAL RESOURCES. Agricultural historians interested in historical artifacts, archives, and cultural resource management will find the bi-monthly publication, the CRM Bulletin of interest. It is available without charge upon request to: EDITOR, CRM Bulletin (400), U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, D. C. 20013-7127.

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CALL FOR PAPERS. The Agricultural History Society, the American Society for Environmental History, the National Archives, and agencies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are co-sponsoring a symposium on the History of Agriculture and the Environment. It will be held in Washington, DC on June 19-22, 1991. The organizing committee, made up of DOUGLAS BOWERS, Economic Research Service; THOMAS R. DUNLAP, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; DOUGLAS HELMS, Soil Conservation Service; TRUDY PETERSON, National Archives; and WAYNE RASMUSSEN, Agricultural History Society, request proposals for papers or sessions and other suggestions for the symposium. Please address your proposals or comments to: DOUGLAS HELMS, Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.

PLANTATION LIFE. A conference on plantation life in Virginia, 1750-1820, will be held in Charlottesville, Virginia on May 31-June 2, 1990. For information, please write to: CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES, Division of Continuing Education, University of Virginia, P. O. Box 3697, Charlottesville, VA 22903. (804) 924-7141.

CONFERENCES. The Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 14-16, 1991. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Proposals, accompanied with abstracts and vitae, should be sent by November 1, 1990. Please contact: WILLIAM C. PRATT, Program Coordinator, MVHC, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182.

National Ag in the Classroom Conference. Ag in the Classroom (AITC) programs are reaching thousands of teachers and students each year. If you are involved in Ag in the Classroom as a state contact, task force member, or volunteer, please plan to attend this USDA-sponsored conference at the HOLIDAY INN CAPITOL on June 3-5, 1990. For further information, you may contact: AG IN THE CLASSROOM, USDA, Office of the Secretary, Rm. 317-A, Washington, DC 20250. (202) 447-5727.

The Social Science History Association will hold its annual conference on October 18-21, 1990 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For further information,

please contact: STEVE RAPPAPORT, History Department, New York University, 19 University Place, New York, NY 10003.

The Economic and Business Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on April 25-27, 1991 in Houston, Texas. Proposals for papers should be sent in no later than January 28, 1991. For further information, please contact: HAROLD LIVESAY, President and Program Chair, EBHS, Department of History, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.

VITICULTURE RESEARCH. The Erie County Historical Society is collecting information related to commercial agriculture and rural life in this region along Lake Erie from 1840 to the present. The Society conducted an oral history project called "Seasonal Labor in the Lake Erie Viticulture Region." These tapes are available to anyone doing research on this topic. The tapes contain information relating to division of labor by gender and the changes in the labor force after World War II and the use of migrant labor, including a few have a few from the migrant worker perspective. Interviews with the family who designed the first mechanical grape picker manufactured by Chisholm-Ryder in 1968 are also included. Discussions of changes in chemical usage, grape containers, manufacturing, vine tending methods, cultivation and more are all included. For more information, please contact: SUSAN BEATES HANSEN, Erie County Historical Society, 417 State St., Erie, PA 16501. (814) 454-1813.

150 YEARS OF THE J. I. CASE COMPANY. Museum and historic site managers interested in presenting a special exhibit of vintage Case machinery, old photos or memorabilia honoring ag-industrial pioneer Jerome Increase Case on the occasion of the J. I. Case Company's 150th anniversary during 1992 are invited to contact the International J. I. Case Heritage Foundation for ideas and possible assistance in gathering items for an exhibit. For information on Case tours and exhibits, please write to: HELEN CASE BRIGHAM, 204 East Melbourne Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901. (301) 587-5552.

At Racine, Wisconsin, an all-day tour of historic sites related to the ag-industrial pioneer J. I. Case and the company he founded will be held on



Friday, June 22, 1990. The tour is a preliminary to the Early Gas Engine and Tractor Association's National Show, featuring vintage Case machinery, at Oak Creek (just south of Milwaukee, Wisconsin), on Saturday and Sunday, June 23-24, 1990. The tour is being coordinated by the Case Heritage Foundation and tour reservations must be made by no later than June 1, 1990.

Also, the Case Heritage Foundation will hold its 4th annual International J. I. Case Heritage Exposition in conjunction with the 1990 Great Oregon Steamup and Antique Power Show at Brooks (near Salem, Oregon), over two weekends, July 28-29 and August 4-5, with exhibits to include a 110-HP Case steam traction engine, many old crossmotor tractors, the Case No. 25 steam engine (oldest still running), and many other Case-related exhibits from across North America. Information about these events is available by writing (include self addressed envelope) to the above address. Please ask for the "Oak Creek" and "1990 Expo" information packets.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY INSTITUTE. The Library of Congress and National History Day invite secondary school teachers and school librarians to apply for a three-week institute to be held July 8-27, 1990 at the LIBRARY, in Washington, D. C. Applicants selected will receive full financial support. Prominent scholars and Library of Congress staff will introduce the selected participants to global and cross-cultural perspectives relating to the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

Topics selected during the institute relate to the 1992 National History Day theme, "Discovery, Encounter, Exchange in History: The Seeds of Change." Selected lectures include such themes as "The World of 1992," "Early Spanish Immigration," "The African Diaspora," "Changes in the Land," and "Cultural Pluralism and Adaptation." Applicants must be teachers of history and social studies in middle and high school or school librarians. Questions concerning the institute eligibility requirements and submission of applications may be answered by calling (216) 421-8803.

Three hours of graduate credits from the UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND will be available to participants who complete their projects by September 15, 1990. Please address letters of application for the 1990 National History Day Summer Institute at the Library of

Congress to: SELECTION COMMITTEE, Summer Institute, National History Day, 11201 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106.

SURPLUS PUBLICATIONS. The National Agricultural Library will make available surplus publications to any interested organization that regularly sends free publications to NAL, including most Federal, land-grant, and agricultural research institutions as well as many others. For a listing of the publications, please write to: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY, Attn: Gift & Exchange/RF, Room 002, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705. Or call RUTH FINNBLADE (301) 433-1207.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Winter 1990 issue of Agricultural History includes articles on technology in Meso-America, landowning under Italian Fascism, work on a yeoman slaveholder's farm, black occupations in the postbellum South, agriculture and industry in central Appalachia, and agricultural improvement in 1763. Copies are available for \$6.25 from: THE PERIODICALS DEPT., University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720. An illustrated article on Nebraska's post office art, much relating to farming, appears in the Spring 1990 issue of Nebraska History. Copies are available for \$3.00 from: THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1500 "R" St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

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RURAL INFORMATION CENTER. The Rural Information Center (RIC) is a joint project of the Extension Service and the National Agricultural Library (NAL). This is a resource for historically aware rural communities or organizations and individuals in this field. It is located at the Library in Beltsville, Maryland and is designed to provide information and referral services to local government officials, businesses, community organizations and rural citizens. The Center combines the technical subject-matter expertise of Extension's nationwide educational network with the information specialities and resources of the world's foremost agricultural library.

The RIC staff will provide customized information products to specific inquiries including assistance in economic revitalization and local government planning projects, funding sources, educational workshops, research studies, and other related issues for the purpose of maintaining the quality of rural life. For further information, please write to: RURAL INFORMATION CENTER, National Agricultural Library, Room 304, Beltsville, MD 27075. (301) 344-2547.

INFORMATION NEEDED. From the 1926 into the 1940's, the USDA had a daily radio program called first, "Housekeepers' Chats" and then "Homemakers' Chats." "Aunt Sammy" gave recipes and eventually the USDA published "Aunt Sammy's Cookbook." HARRIET BASKAS, 6707 12th Ave., N.W., Seattle, WA 98117 is preparing a documentary radio program on the Chats and Aunt Sammy and would appreciate hearing from anyone on the early radio programs and Aunt Sammy. She would particularly like to learn of persons who played Aunt Sammy on their local radio stations.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The American Society for Environmental History will hold a conference on "The Environment and the Mechanized World" on February 28-March 3, 1991 at the University of Houston. Issues to be considered include the modification of the natural world by agriculture. Please send proposals by September 15, 1990 to:

MARTIN V. MELOSI, Department of History, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-3785. (713) 749-2967.

The Fort Union Fur Trade Symposium will be held September 13-15, 1990 in Williston, North Dakota. For information, please contact: PAUL L. HEDREN, Superintendent, Fort Union Trading Post NHS, Buford Route, Williston, ND 58801.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES CONTACT LIST. To assist researchers in their preparation for research visits to the National Archives in Washington, a primary contact list with names and telephone numbers for over 100 subjects, including agriculture, is available from: THE TEXTUAL REFERENCE DIVISION, National Archives, Washington, DC 2040.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Forest & Conservation History for January 1990 contains articles on women's contributions to the National Park Service and Forest Service. Copies of the issue are available for \$5 from: THE FOREST HISTORY SOCIETY, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701.

PUBLICATIONS. Cultivating Gentlemen: The Meaning of Country Life Among the Boston Elite, 1785-1860, by TAMARA PLAKINS THORNTON. Yale University Press, 92A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520. 1989. 256 pp., illus. \$24. A history of gentleman farming by Boston's elite.

Ulrich Bonnell Phillips: A Southern Historian and His Critics, by JOHN DAVID SMITH and JOHN C. INSCOE. Greenwood Press, Inc., 88 Post Road West, P.O. Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881. 1990. 296 pp. \$45. (203) -226-3571. Ulrich Bonnell Phillips, a controversial historian of the South, wrote extensively on agriculture and slavery. This anthology includes works published between 1913 and 1981.

A New Face on the Countryside: Indians, Colonists, and Slaves in South Atlantic Forests, 1500-1800, by TIMOTHY H. SILVER. Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY.



10011. 1990. 208 pp. Hardcover, \$39. Paper, \$10.95.

Dreams in Dry Places, by ROGER BRUHN. University of Nebraska Press, 901 North 17th St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0520. 1990. 146 pp. \$40. Primarily photographs of farmhouses, barns, churches, and other buildings in Nebraska.

The Little House Cookbook, by BARBARA M. WALKER. Harper Junior Books Group, 10 East 53rd St., New York, NY 10022. 1989. 256 pp. Hardcover, \$13.95. Paper, \$5.95. (212) 207-7491. Describes layout of a pioneer kitchen, food staples, the storage of food, and includes many details about pioneer cooking.

Our Purpose is to Serve: The First Century of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, by DAVID B. DANBOM. North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies, Box 5075, Fargo, ND 58105. 1990. 225 pp. \$24. The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, which is particularly noted for its research on wheat, is celebrating its first century in 1990. Its history is traced in a scholarly work by the author.

HEARTH COOKING. Alice Ross Hearth Studios, Inc. of Smithtown, New York instructs in historic hearth cooking using authentic ingredients and recipes. This living food history offers hands-on instruction in basic hearth cooking techniques, plus specialty classes in butchering and sausage making, seasonal preserving, game cookery, traditional holiday desserts, regional American cuisines, and bread baking in a brick oven. For information, please write to: ALICE ROSS HEARTH STUDIOS, 15 Prospect St., Smithtown, NY 1178.

NEWSLETTER. The Forest Service has begun issuing a newsletter, Beginnings, in connection with its celebration in 1991 of 100 years of the National Forest System. For more information, please write to: ROBERT L. HENDRICKS, Director, National Forest Centennial Celebration, Public Affairs, Forest Service/USDA, Auditors Bldg., Washington, DC 20250.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY AWARDS. The Agricultural History Society made a National History Day Award of \$100 to MACLAIN LUCK, Roosevelt, Utah, for his study, "Hand to Horsepower." National History Day was held at the University of Maryland on June 14, 1990. In addition, a special award of \$25 was made to JANETTE LEA ANDERSON, Arden, North

Carolina, for her exhibit and paper on "How Science and Technology Changed Farming."

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CALL FOR PAPERS. The Agricultural History Society, American Society for Environmental History and USDA are sponsoring a "Symposium on the History of Agriculture and the Environment" at the National Archives Building, Washington, DC, JUNE 19-22, 1991. Please send paper proposals (not to exceed two pages) by DECEMBER 31, 1990 to: Douglas Helms, National Historian, Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013. (202) 447-3766.

LIVING HISTORY FARM EVENTS, 1990. Many Living History Farms and Agricultural Museums are holding special events in AUGUST. THE CLAUDE MOORE COLONIAL FARM in McLEAN, VIRGINIA is devoting AUGUST 4 to spinning and dyeing wool and AUGUST 19 to the tobacco harvest. THE BUCKLEY HOMESTEAD in Corwin Point, Indiana has heirloom variety vegetable tasting on AUGUST 5 and a quilting bee on AUGUST 11 and 12. PLIMOUTH PLANTATION, Plymouth, Massachusetts has events relating to Indian agriculture and life on AUGUST 2, 14, 17, 21, and 23. THE FARMERS' MUSEUM, Cooperstown, New York features a 19th century cantata celebrating rural life on AUGUST 12. THE LINCOLN BOYHOOD NATIONAL MEMORIAL, Lincoln City, Indiana is holding the following Pioneer Skills Weekends: AUGUST 4-5, Learn to Rive and Split; AUGUST 11 and 12, Learn to Card and Spin; AUGUST 18, Pioneer Washday. THE JOHN R. PARK HOMESTEAD, Essex, Ontario, Canada is demonstrating 19th century medicine, including herbal cures and mustard plasters, on AUGUST 12, while AUGUST 18 and 19 are given to a craft fair and blueberry social.

JOB OPENINGS. City of Olathe, Kansas, (pop. 61,000) is currently seeking a Historic Maintenance Worker to maintain the MAHAFFIE FARMSTEAD. Responsibilities include grounds maintenance, care and repair of farm outbuildings, gardening and field crop planting and care, maintenance of house and construction of small farm buildings. Knowledge of tractor, lawn,

carpentry and power tools is required. Salary: \$14,577 to \$20,306. Please call for application: (913) 782-2600, ext. 206; or please send for information at: The City Of Olathe, 200 W. Santa Fe, Olathe, KS 66061.

Volunteer Coordinator, TALLAHASSEE JUNIOR MUSEUM. Staff position. Responsible for recruitment, training, placement, recognition; volunteer program supports staff and visitor services of outdoor museum/natural habitat zoo. Living history program under development. Salary: \$16,000. Please send resume and three references to: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, 3945 Museum Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310.

OBERLY AWARD. Nominations are sought for the 1991 Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural Sciences. The award, established in 1923, gives national recognition to bibliographic scholarship in the fields of agricultural or related sciences, including history. The award, which is administered by the Oberly Award Committee, Science and Technology Section, Association of College and Research Libraries, American Library Association (ALA), will be presented at the 1991 annual ALA meeting in Atlanta. Nomination letters are due by JANUARY 1, 1991, to: Alena Chadwick, Chair, Oberly Committee, Biological Sciences Library, 214 Morrill Science Center-South, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. (413) 545-2674. If possible, please include a copy of the nominated bibliography.

MEETINGS. COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG is holding a history forum on NOVEMBER 1-3, 1990, on "Taming Bountiful Nature: Plantations, Towns, and Williamsburg in Early Virginia." For information, please write: The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P. O. Box C, Williamsburg, VA 23187-9983.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The spring 1990 issue of Agricultural History is devoted to the papers presented at a symposium on "The Department of Agriculture in Historical Perspective," held at Iowa State University, JUNE 15-18, 1989. The 27



papers and related comments touch upon most aspects of the history of USDA. Copies of the 351-page issue are available for \$6.25 from: The Periodicals Department, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The JULY 1990 issue of Journal of the West consists of articles on the recent history of western water law. Copies are available for \$10.00 from: Journal of The West, 1531 Yuma, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66502-4228.

The JULY 1990 issue of Forest and Conservation History features articles on international forest history, including studies on aspects of forest history in Japan, Austria, and Tanganyika. Copies are available for \$5.00 from: Journals Department, University Press, Box 6697, College Station, Durham, NC 27708.

PUBLICATIONS. Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland, by J. Richard Rivoire. 1990. 198 pp. Southern Maryland Studies Center, Charles County Community College, La Plata, MD 20646-0910. \$25.00 paperback. Overview and studies of 29 dwellings, including farm and plantation houses.

The Business of Breeding: Hybrid Corn in Illinois, 1890-1940, by Deborah Fitzgerald. 1990. 248 pp. Cornell University Press, 124 Roberts Place, P. O. Box 250, Ithaca, NY 14851-0250. \$29.95. A study of the complex interplay between scientific, political, and regional elements in the development of hybrid corn.

Feeding the Frontier Army, 1775-1865, by Barbara Lueke, is a history of the military's system of providing its troops with rations. The book is a guide and cookbook with the correct methods for preparing "period" meals for all occasions. Tested recipes show the proper methods and ingredients for everything--from enlisted man's stew to the officer's full banquet. This is a boon to interpretive sites who want to use the correct recipes, ingredients, and methods in their period meals. This book is available directly from: Grenadier Publications, P. O. Box 21-361-C, Eagan, MN 55121.

SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE. Seed Savers Exchange is a non-profit organization that is saving old time crops from extinction. Heirloom varieties are seeds passed down from generation to

generation, many brought over from Europe and other foreign lands. Living heirlooms such as these can be saved for future generations to enjoy. The Seed Savers Exchange teaches gardeners how to save seeds, and makes heirloom varieties available to others. For membership information and a brochure, please write to: Seed Savers Exchange, Rural Route 3, Box 239, Decorah, IA 52101.

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FOREST HISTORY TRAVEL GRANTS. The Forest History Society has announced travel grants of up to \$750 each for people who would like to use its library and archives. The library holds a well-indexed collection of books, serials, reports, clippings, photographs, oral interviews, and ephemera. For information on the grants, contact the Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27701.

MEETING. The Soil Science Society of America will present a special symposium in San Antonio, Texas, on October 23, 1990, on "An Introduction to Our Heritage: Some Aspects of the History of Soil Science." It will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Society. For information, please contact: John P. Tandarich, Hey and Associates, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1401, Chicago, IL 60604.

The American Society for Environmental History is sponsoring a conference that will consider a wide range of issues relevant to the modification of the natural world by agriculture, commerce, industrialization and urbanization. Proposals are welcome on all aspects of environmental history. Proposal deadline is September 15, 1990. For information, contact Martin V. Melosi, Program Chair, ASEH Conference, Department of History, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-3785' (713) 749-2967.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Spring/Summer 1990 issue of Environmental History Review contains articles by Donald Worster, Thomas R. Dunlap, and Tim Lehman relating to the history of agriculture, land use, and the environment. The article by Lehman discusses the politics of the 1981 National Agricultural Lands Study. Copies of the issue are available for \$6 each from: Debra Troy Sofer, Environmental History Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

The Fall 1989 issue of The Oral History Review is a special thematic issue focused on the

experiences of rural women. This review, edited by Michael Frisch, is a collection of essays which surveys rural women across the United States, presents detailed case studies from the south, the upper midwest, and California, and variously considers independent farmers, homesteaders, and farm laborers. The essays are available at the following prices (postage included): Individual, \$9 each; 2-10 copies, \$7.50 each; and over 10 copies, \$6.00 each. Please make checks or money orders payable to: The Oral History Association and send to: The Oral History Review, 565 Park Hall, SUNY-Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260. Credit cards not accepted.

PUBLICATIONS. The Soil Conservation Service has published The Preparation of the Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Law: An Interview with Philip M. Glick (69 + 63 pp., Washington, DC: February 1990). In a series of interviews conducted by Douglas Helms, Mr. Glick traces the origins, development, and adoption of the Standard State Soil Conservation Districts Law. The book also contains a copy of the draft of the law as it was presented to the States in 1936. A copy of the publication is available from: Douglas Helms, Soil Conservation Service, P. O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013.

Ben Sunbury in The Fall of the Farm Credit Empire (256 pp. Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010). 1990. \$29.95 including postage), traces the development of the Farm Credit Administration, shows how farmers gained ownership of it and then lost control during the agricultural depression of the 1980s, and discusses the impact of partisan politics on the agency. The author also traces the relationships between the Farm Credit Administration and the Department of Agriculture, the Farmers Home Administration, the Agricultural Cooperative Service, and other agencies.

Thirteen agricultural and economic historians discuss Agriculture and National Development: Views on the Nineteenth Century (363 pp. Iowa



State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. 1990. \$39.95) in a volume edited by Lou Ferleger. The authors emphasize the changing structure of American agriculture in regional and national terms as the nation expanded westward. Particular attention is given to different interpretations by scholars over the pace and impact of these changes in the agricultural sector.

The National Agricultural Library has published BLA No. 92, A Register of the Papers of Charles Valentine Riley in the National Agricultural Library, by Judith Ho and Willie Yuille, published in June 1990. This 124-page register focuses on the history of economic entomology and the development of biological control of insects injurious to crops. The papers are contained in 10 archival boxes and 320 folders, and consist of the following: Correspondence to C. V. Riley, unpublished lectures, notes, personal papers and photographs, news clippings, drawings, reports, reprints and books by C. V. Riley. There are two appendixes included in this register: Appendix I lists additional records of Riley in other collections. Appendix II lists publications by Riley in the National Agricultural Library.

Entomologist Charles Valentine Riley (1843-1895) is remembered for helping to save the California citrus industry by introducing the Australian Vedalia Beetle to combat scab insects, and in assisting in the rescue of the French wine industry from the ravages of the grapevine phylloxera, an insect that destroys the roots. The register is available upon request while supplies last from: Special Collections, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705. Please send a self-addressed mailing label with your request.

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SYMPOSIUM. A symposium on Eisenhower and Kansas will be held in Topeka, Kansas on October 12-13, 1990. A session is devoted to agriculture. For information, please contact: Kansas State Historical Society, 120 W. Tenth St., Topeka, KS 66612.

COLLEAGUE ASSISTANCE. Wayne Grove is attempting to obtain data regarding the Mexican farm labor, or Bracero program, which permitted U.S. farmers to contract Mexican workers from 1942 to 1964. He is seeking (1) annual county-level data of contract Mexican labor use for Colorado, Texas, Arkansas and Michigan, and (2) records of the farm labor associations which contracted the vast majority of bracero. Please write to: Wayne Grove, 122 Eddy St., Ithaca, NY 14850. (607) 273-5608.

Rondout Woodworking of Saugerties, New York is seeking information on antique cotton baling presses, especially the wooden screw variety. Rondout plans to build a press and wants it to be as authentic as possible. Please write: Ms. Sarah R. Sharp, Rondout Woodworking, 7270-1 Rt. 212, Saugerties, NY 12477. (914) 246-5845.

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources is currently doing a study of orchards in North Carolina (or the upper South) about 1900. Anyone who may have special expertise or information about the food industry or the cultivation of orchards ca. 1900 is asked to please contact: Richard Knapp, Historical Sites Section, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

JOURNALS. The first issue of Rural History: Economy, Society, Culture appeared in April 1990. Some topics in this first issue include: Landscape archaeology, prehistory and rural studies; the English rural tradition in the 1990's and beyond; medieval rural history; political economy, rural geography; and English social history. Subscriptions to this new semi-annual journal are available from: Cambridge University Press, Journals Department, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10040. Institutions price

is \$59.00, and \$32.00 per year for individuals. The July 1990 issue of Technology and Culture features an article by Bryan Pfaffenberger, "The Harsh Facts of Hydraulics: Technology and Society in Sri Lanka's Colonization Schemes." The author discusses the social problems relating to Sri Lanka's irrigation and resettlement projects. Copies of the journal are available at \$7.00 each from: The University of Chicago Press, P. O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637.

PUBLICATIONS. Wylie, William N.T. in The Blacksmith in Upper Canada, 1784-1850: A Study of Technology, Culture and Power. 216 pp. 86 illus., bibliog., and Index. 1990. This is an illustrated study of the tools, activity, and social and economic position of one of early Canada's most important figures: the blacksmith. Blacksmithing was brought from the British Isles to the New World, and there the art began an evolution that made possible the development of commercial agriculture in Canada, and also the eventual Canadian industrial revolution. Copies are available for \$39.50 (by check or money order) from: Langdale Press, R.R. #1, Gananoque, Ontario, Canada K7G 2V3. Post and handling are free.

The Grain Traders by William G. Ferris. Michigan State University Press, 1405 S. Harison Rd., East Lansing, MI. 48823. 1990. 223 pp. \$27.00. The first complete history of the Chicao Board of Trade and its pioneer grain traders.

Bull Threshers and Bindlestiffs: Harvesting and Threshing on the North American Plains by Thomas D. Isern. University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. 248 pp. \$29.95 traces the development of wheat harvesting and threshing on the Great Plains. The invention and use of various types of harvesting and threshing machines, powered by horses, steam engines, and internal combustion engines, as well as the place of itinerant workers, is discussed.

Footlose in Jacksonian America: Robert W. Scott and His Agrarian World, by Thomas D. Clark. Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY. 250



pp. \$29.95. Journal of travels through the eastern United States, 1829-1830, with observations on farming and a history of Scott's life as a plantation owner and agricultural reformer.

Neligh Mills Cook Book, Nebraska State Historical Society, P. O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NE. 74 pp. 1990. \$6.00. Focusing on the 1870's through the 1940's, the book chronicles changes in household technology and food trends as well as the history of the mill. Please order from: Museum Shop, P. O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68501.

PROTECTIVE ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES. A video entitled "Assault on Time" has been released by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). The video is the result of increasing thefts from archeological sites and reflects greater awareness of the problem by Federal agencies and private organizations. It is intended to be a teaching tool for use as an introduction to archeological resources protection.

The video tape highlights the extraordinary range of archeological resources and emphasizes what wanton destruction and historical cultural heritage, including agriculture, means to different people. The video is available for sale from: The National Audiovisual Center, U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127 (436), Washington, DC 20013-7127. The VHS version is \$45.00; the 3/4" video is \$110.

AGRICULTURAL VILLAGES IN HUNGARY. The Ethnographical Museum, V. Kossuth Lajos ter 12, 1051 Budapest, Hungary, is conducting a series of studies of historical changes in small agricultural communities in Hungary.

MEETINGS. A Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn on October 4-6, 1990 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Discussions on agricultural topics include: "Myth and Reality in the History of Rural America," October 4, 9 a.m.; "The World of Farm Women," October 4, 11 a.m.; "American Farm Organizations," October 5, 11 a.m.; and "The Northern Great Plains," October 5, 2:30 p.m. For further information, please contact: Jerome Tweeton, 8096 University Station, Grand Forks, ND 58202. (701) 777-3681.

The Western History Association will hold its annual meeting in Reno, Nevada on October 17-20, 1990. The program includes a number of papers on agricultural history. For further

information, please write to: William D. Rowley, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557-0101.

DELAWARE FARMS: A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT will be on display at the Delaware Agricultural Museum in Dover, Delaware on October 2-31, 1990. Thirty photographs of Delaware farms will explore the aesthetic potential of the farm in Delaware as well as document a sampling of historically relevant farms. The public is invited to an opening reception for the exhibit on Monday, October 1 from 7-9 p.m. Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. The museum's tenth annual fall harvest festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Sunday, October 21, from 12 noon-4 p.m. The Delaware Agricultural Museum is located south of Delaware State College on Route 13 in Dover. For further information on the museum and the festival, please call: (302) 734-1618.

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PRESERVING OLD FOOD CROPS. The Sustainable Native Agriculture Center (SNAC) of the Soil Conservation Service, located near San Cristobal, New Mexico, is dedicated to keeping some of the oldest food crops in the Western Hemisphere from disappearing. SNAC was formed to address the problems of local farmers trying to earn a living on small farms with limited resources, poor soils and a short, dry growing season in the state's mountainous region. SNAC Director John Kimmerly has collected seeds from nearly 400 ancient varieties and species of food and herb plants. Two pre-Colombian crops, quinoa and amaranth, that appear to hold great promise for the world were rediscovered in South America. Other crops having promise for the United States include drought-tolerant blue corn and many varieties of beans. For additional information, please write to: SNAC, P. O. Box 360, Arroyo Hondo, NM 87513.

BOOK EXHIBIT. The American Society of Agricultural Engineers will hold a book exhibit in connection with its December 18-21, 1990 meeting. Historical publications would be welcome. For information regarding fees and other matters, please write to: Suzanne Howard, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, 2950 Niles Rd., St. Joseph, MI. (616) 429-0300. The deadline for reservations is November 1, 1990.

FELLOWSHIPS. Winterthur Museum and Library in Winterthur, Delaware is offering fellowships for the 1991-92 academic year. All scholars, including agricultural historians, are encouraged to apply. Several types of fellowships are available. Deadline for application is December 1, 1990. Please write to: Hagley Museum and Library, P. O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Agricultural Studies Section of the Western Social Science Association solicits proposals for papers or panels to be presented at the annual meeting of the WSSA, April 24-27, 1991, in Reno, Nevada. Proposals for panels generally should include either a chairperson, two papers, and a commentator, or a

chairperson and three papers. Proposals for individual papers will be grouped into panels by the Section Coordinator. They welcome proposals in Agricultural Studies from any social science discipline, including agricultural history. Proposals may be submitted in simple letter form. Please send them by November 15, 1990 to: Joe Hickey, Coordinator, WSSA Agricultural Studies Section, Division of Social Sciences, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS 66801.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY has begun videotaping "oral histories" with prominent scientists in the field of alternative agriculture. Oral history has become increasingly popular during the past 30 years, offering the opportunity to combine the oral tradition with the usage ease of the tape recorder mechanism. When those two techniques are enhanced with the on-camera image of the person talking, the results can be unforgettable. Results depend on the memory of the person being interviewed and the skills of the interviewer and cameraperson.

Copies of the videotapes are retained in the collections of NAL and made available for loan to interested persons or organizations. To borrow one, please contact your local land-grant university or public library and ask the librarian to request an interlibrary loan. For additional information, please contact: Jayne T. MacLean, Coordinator, Alternative Farming-Systems Information Center, NAL, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705. (302) 344-3719.

REVEGETATION: THE SOFT APPROACH TO ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE STABILIZATION by Robert M. Thorne in an eight-page illustrated paper in Archeological Assistance Program Technical Brief No. 8, September 1990, explains that throughout the history of archeological sites in much of the United States, some form of vegetation has covered the area abandoned by the original inhabitants. The reintroduction of plants on or around an archeological site can be one of the least visually intrusive stabilization techniques available. The most readily available source of revegetation data has been developed by the Soil



Conservation Service (SCS) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Some information is available from the regional SCS Plant Materials Centers. These organizations are responsible for the testing and development of species that are suited for stabilization in their respective regions. Prior to 1969, SCS prepared several handbooks on stabilization issues that provide regionally specific data.

Other sources of revegetation and stabilization data are the U. S. Forest Service and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) laboratories, particularly the COE Waterways Experiment Station. The COE reference works generally deal with steambank and lakeshore erosion, in contrast to the work of the SCS which deals with both wet and dry environments. Local and regional SCS offices can provide support in making planting selections as well as determining fertilizer and lime requirements for revegetation projects. Information exchange about site stabilization is available from and should be reported to: Dr. Robert M. Thorne, National Clearinghouse for Archeological Site Stabilization, Center for Archeological Research, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

**CURRENT JOURNALS.** The Summer 1990 issue of Agricultural History contains articles on rural life and the privacy of political association, rice cultivation in the South in 1827, the health of farm women in antebellum New England, a Montana firm in the Alberta cattle business from 1875 to 1911, and Japan's wartime farming policies in Southeast Asia during World War II. Copies are available at \$6.25 from: Periodicals Department, University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

The history of the Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums is briefly traced by one of the founders, John Schlebecker, in the September 1990 issue of Living Historical Farms Bulletin. The issue is available for \$1.50 from: Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

The development of irrigation agriculture in France, 1700-1860, and the manorial system in medieval agriculture in relation to the scattering of peasant land holdings in open fields are the subjects of two of the articles in the Journal of Economic History, September 1990. Copies are available for \$7.50 from: Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011.

**PUBLICATIONS.** Eating Up the Santa Fe Trail, by Sam Arnold. 1990. 180 pp. University Press of Colorado, P.O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544. \$19.95. A history of food and drink used by travelers along the Santa Fe Trail in the early nineteenth century.

Black Cowboys, by Paul W. Stewart and Wallace Y. McNair. 1990. 250 pp. University Press of Colorado, P. O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544. \$17.50. Nearly 25 percent of all the working cowboys in the American West during the post-Civil War era were black, a fact not well recorded by western historians. This book is a collection of biographical sketches and photographs of some of these black cowboys.

An Economic History of Agriculture in Northern Ireland, 1850-1900, by David L. Armstrong. 1990. 314 pp. Plunkett Foundation, 23 Hanborough Business Park, Long Hanborough, Oxford, OX7 2LH, England. 30 Brit. Pounds. Covers struggles over land tenure, the development of farming, and the day-to-day life of the tenant farmer and farm laborer.

Farm Labor in Southern New England During the Agricultural-Industrial Transition, by Richard D. Brown and others. 1990. 113 pp. University Press of Virginia, Box 3608, University Station, Charlottesville, VA 22903-0608. \$14.50. These essays suggest that while the rise of an industrial economy provided new markets for agriculture, it also undermined the supply of farm labor and the tradition of a responsible rural gentry.

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OUTLOOK '91: USDA'S 67TH ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE will be held on November 27-29, 1990 at the U. S. Department of Agriculture's headquarters, Independence Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets, S.W., Washington, DC, in the South Building, located adjacent to the Smithsonian Metro Station, on the Orange and Blue lines. Leave the station by the Independence Avenue exit and enter the building at the first- or fourth-wing doors.

The conference is free and open to the public. The theme is "Agriculture in a World of Change." On the first day of the conference, Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter and other top U. S. and foreign officials are slated to give updates on foreign agriculture and the trade negotiations. A special overview of the 1991 outlook will focus on the likely impact of these developments on the U.S. economy, agricultural trade, and the outlook for farmers and consumers.

Some of the Nation's leading analysts will discuss prospects for farmers, agribusiness and consumers in 1991. Special attention will be given to the sweeping changes here and abroad that are creating a climate of uncertainty for agriculture. This year's chairperson is James R. Donald. The full proceedings of the conference (about 600 pages) and selected charts used by the conference speakers will be published early next year.

POSITION AVAILABLE. Director of Interpretation for living history museum, including farming, operated by Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board. \$20,000-\$25,000, plus benefits. Please contact: Earle Newton, Director, HSAPB, P. O. Box 1987, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

INFORMATION WANTED. Information is needed from any site or individual who has experience with making wine following 18th or early 19th century recipes. Please contact: Karen Becker, Old Salem, Inc., Salem Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27108.

REMINDER ON PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS. Proposals for papers to be presented at the "Symposium on the History of Agriculture and the Environment," to be held at the National Archives in Washington, DC on June 19-22, 1991, are due by December 31, 1990. The symposium is being sponsored by the Agricultural History Society, American Society for Environmental History, Wallace Genetics Foundation, and agencies of the Department of Agriculture. The symposium will be interdisciplinary in nature and proposals for broad, interpretive papers are welcome. Please send proposals to: Douglas Helms, Soil Conservation Service, P. O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013. (202) 447-3766.

PUBLICATIONS. Larger than Life: The American Tall-Tale Postcard, 1905-1915, by Cynthia E. Rubin and Morgan Williams. 1990. 132 pp. Abbeville Press, 505 Park Ave., New York, NY. 10022. However, the book is available from: Tall Tale Communications, P. O. Box 1735, Washington, DC 20013 for \$27.95. A history, with many illustrations, of the larger-than-life comic postcards popular in rural America before World War I. Most show, with the aid of trick photography, tremendous ears of corn, pumpkins, potatoes, hogs, cattle, and other products of the farm.

The Family Farm in Historical Perspective, by Wayne D. Rasmussen. 1990. 13 pp. International Center for Arid and Semiarid Land Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409. \$10.95. One of the Charles L. Wood Agricultural History Lecture Series.

Sixty Million Acres: American Veterans and the Public Lands before the Civil War, by James W. Oberly. 1990. 256 pp. Kent State University Press, Kent, OH 44242. \$28.00. More than 550,000 veterans, their widows, and minor heirs received land from the federal government as a reward for faithful military service in all the U.S. wars from the American Revolution to the Civil War. Only 5 percent of those receiving land



settled on it; instead, most sold their land bounty for cash.

Dairy Cooperatives: Role and Effects of the Capper-Volstead Antitrust Exemption, by General Accounting Office. 1990. 52 pp. U. S. General Accounting Office, P. O. Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Up to 5 copies are free. The report includes the historical background of the Capper-Volstead Act and changes in interpretation, particularly as related to dairy cooperatives since its passage in 1922.

Steamboats and the Cotton Economy: River Trade in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta, by Harry P. Owens. 1990. 250 pp. University Press of Mississippi, 3825 Ridgewood Rd., Jackson, MS. 39211. \$30.00. This history covers a century, from 1820 to 1920. Steamboats helped build the Cotton Kingdom and added texture and color to the history of the Delta, but finally yielded to railroads and the internal combustion engine.

Environment and Technology in Appalachia. 1990. 140 pp. Appalachian Center, 641 S. Limestone, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0333. \$15.00. The publication contains 20 papers, some with a historical base, from a 1989 conference. Subjects include acid rain, water quality and supply, land use, and health.

Sermons in Stone: The Stone Walls of New England and New York, by Susan Allpart. 1990. 205 pp. W. W. Norton & Co., 500 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10110. \$19.95. In 1871, there were 252,539 miles of stone walls in New England and New York. The author traces the history of these stone walls, emphasizing the controversies surrounding them.

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Dear Readers:

Please have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR! Many Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums offer special Christmas programs. For information, please call the farm near you. The following sampling of events is typical: CLAUDE MOORE COLONIAL FARM, 6310 Old Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA (703) 442-7557, will hold an 18th century Christmas Wassail on December 16. RANCHOS LOS ALAMITOS, Long Beach, CA (213) 431-3541 will present a ranch style Christmas on December 5-7, and 9. HISTORIC HUDSON VALLEY, TARRYTOWN, NY (914) 631-8200 will hold tours, including caroling, hot cider, and other good cheer, at Sunnyside on December 8-9 and 15-16; also at Van Courtlandt Manor on December 22-23. HISTORIC UNIONTOWN, Uniontown, MD (302) 658-2400, near Baltimore, will hold a Christmas Candlelight Tour on December 16. MISSOURI TOWN 1855, Blue Springs, MO (816) 881-4431 will hold an open house on December 8-9, with a number of events. COLVIN MILL RUN HISTORIC SITE, 10017 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls, VA (703) 759-2771 is holding Christmas programs on December 15 and 22. THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM, Dover, DE (302) 734-1618 is featuring a Farmer's Christmas on December 7 and 8. Christmas exhibits are also featured during December.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Individual to interpret role of Pennsylvania German farmer, about 1760-1890. Includes coordinating school programs and caring for livestock. Full time position available March 1, 1991; salary \$18,000-\$20,000. Application deadline is December 31, 1990. Please send resume to: Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, 1000 Turkey Hill Rd., Stroudsburg, PA 18360. (717) 992-6161.

The National Park Service has a vacancy for a Departmental Consulting Archeologist (DCA) in the office of the Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Washington, DC. The DCA represents the Secretary of the

Interior in overseeing the Department's archeological activities and coordinating the Federal archeology program. This position is open for applications through January 25, 1991. For further information, please call: Ms. Fajardo, (202) 208-4163.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS. The Tennessee Valley Authority has two positions available for interpreters at The Homeplace-1850, a living history farm depicting life in western Kentucky and Tennessee in the mid-19th century. The positions offer \$100 per week plus housing. Applicants must be enrolled in school. The application deadline is January 10, 1991. Please contact: Jim Carpenter, TVA-LBL, 100 Van Morgan Drive, Golden Pond, KY 42211-9001, or call (502) 924-5602.

MEETINGS. The National Forest History and Interpretation Symposium/Workshop will be held in Missoula, Montana on June 20-22, 1991. For details, please contact: The Center for Continuing Education, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812. (406) 243-4623.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The October 1990 issue of the Journal of the West is devoted to historical articles on the utilization of arid lands in the West. Subjects discussed include the development of Indian agriculture in the Southwest, sheep raising, farming on the High Plains, irrigation, water rights, soil conservation, shelter belts, viticulture, and a range management experiment station. Copies are available at \$10.00 from: Journal of the West, 1531 Yuma, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66502-4228.

The leaders of the cottonseed processing industry in North Carolina at the turn of the century came to view price reporting as a more acceptable method than price-fixing for seeking uniformity and stability of seed prices, according to Lynette B. Wrenn, "Cottonseed Price-Fixing in Eastern North Carolina, 1903-1907," North Carolina Historical Review, 67: 411-437 (October 1990). Copies may be ordered for \$6.00 from: The North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.



The September-October 1990 issue of The Archivist, published by the National Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N3, contains a brief history of the Canada Plan Service. The Plan Service was organized in 1954 to develop and produce scale drawings for the construction of farm service buildings. Examples of the plans are included in the Archives. For further information, please contact: Susan Bennett, Ontario Agricultural Museum, P. O. Box 38, Milton, Ontario, Canada L9T 2Y3.

Agriculture on the Great Plains is important both to its past and its future, according to Frederick C. Luebke, "Back to the Future of the Great Plains," Montana, The Magazine of Western History, 40: 60-65. (Autumn 1990). Copies are available for \$5.00 from: The Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620.

PUBLICATIONS. The National Historic Landmarks Program: Theme Study and Preservation Planning, by Robert S. Grumet. 1990. 12 pp. National Park Service, Archeological Assistance Division, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127. Available without charge. Land ownership and use were of major importance in understanding contact between Indians, Europeans, and Africans in colonial America. This is an important point to consider in determining nationally significant archeological properties.

Ruffin: Family and Reform in the Old South, by David F. Allmendinger. 1990. 274 pp. Oxford University Press, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. \$34.50. Edmund Ruffin was one of the best known agricultural reformers in the pre-Civil War South.

Agrarianism and Reconstruction: The Southern Homestead Act, by Michael L. Lanza. 1990. 153 pp. Louisiana State University Press, Highland Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70893. \$22.50. The Southern Homestead Act, signed by President Andrew Johnson in June, 1866, represented an extension of the Homestead Act of 1862 to the five "public land" states of the former Confederacy--Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. The act failed to meet its sponsors' goal of providing free farms to the South's poor.

Bread and Authority in Russia, 1914-1921, by Lars T. Lih. 1990. 320 pp. University of California Press, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720. \$38.00. A food-supply crisis and a breakdown in agricultural production were of major

importance in determining the course of the Bolshevik revolution.

Forest Society: A Social History of Peten, Guatemala, by Norman B. Schwartz. 1990. 382 pp. University of Pennsylvania Press, Blockley Hall, 418 Service Dr., Philadelphia, PA 19104-6097. \$30.95. Changing relationships between ecology and society have been a major influence in determining the sociocultural system of the town of Peten.

The USDA's 1990 Yearbook of Agriculture, entitled "Americans in Agriculture: Portraits of Diversity," is a departure in format and subject matter from previous books. In 63 short articles and 183 pages, it gives an overview of the food and fiber sector, introduces a diversity of farmers and types of farming, offers snapshots of agribusinesses and research projects, points out the importance of education to the future of agriculture, and notes some of the government positions serving agriculture. Copies may be purchased from: The Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 for \$10.00. Congressmen have a limited number of copies for distribution.

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